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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

RE: **Preliminary Lease Sale List - Request for Comments
September 4, 2013 Oil and Gas Lease Sale**

The Department has received nominations for the September 4, 2013 Oil and Gas Lease Sale, and is requesting comments. The only action proposed at this time is the issuance of leases for possible future exploration and production of oil and gas. Before actual activity on a state lease may occur, the Department will prepare an environmental review of the proposed activity. The Board of Oil and Gas Conservation also must review and issue a permit before any actual activity can occur.

The enclosed Preliminary Lease Sale list summarizes the tracts nominated for lease. The list sorts the tracts by county, and then by legal location within the county (i.e. township, range and section). A reference map is also included. The general areas where tracts are located are identified by numbered circles, which corresponds to the map location numbers for each county on the Preliminary Lease Sale list. The final lease sale list may not include all tracts currently listed, but no tracts will be added. Lease sale tract numbers will be assigned when the final list is prepared. The final list will be distributed on or about August 12, 2013 and will also include a listing of any additional stipulations.

If you have any comments regarding the tracts on the Preliminary Lease Sale List, please submit them in writing by **July 26, 2013** to "O&G Lease Sale Comments, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, P.O. Box 201601, Helena, Montana 59620-1601."

Lease sale lists, dates, and important deadlines are also available on our website -- (<http://dnrc.mt.gov/trust/mmb/og>).

If you would like your name added to our mailing list to automatically receive future information related to our oil and gas lease sales, please let us know at the above address or contact the Mineral Leasing Section at jmason2@mt.gov or (406) 444-4576.

Sincerely,
MINERAL LEASING SECTION

Enclosure(s)

State of Montana
Oil & Gas Lease Sale - September 4, 2013
Preliminary Sale List

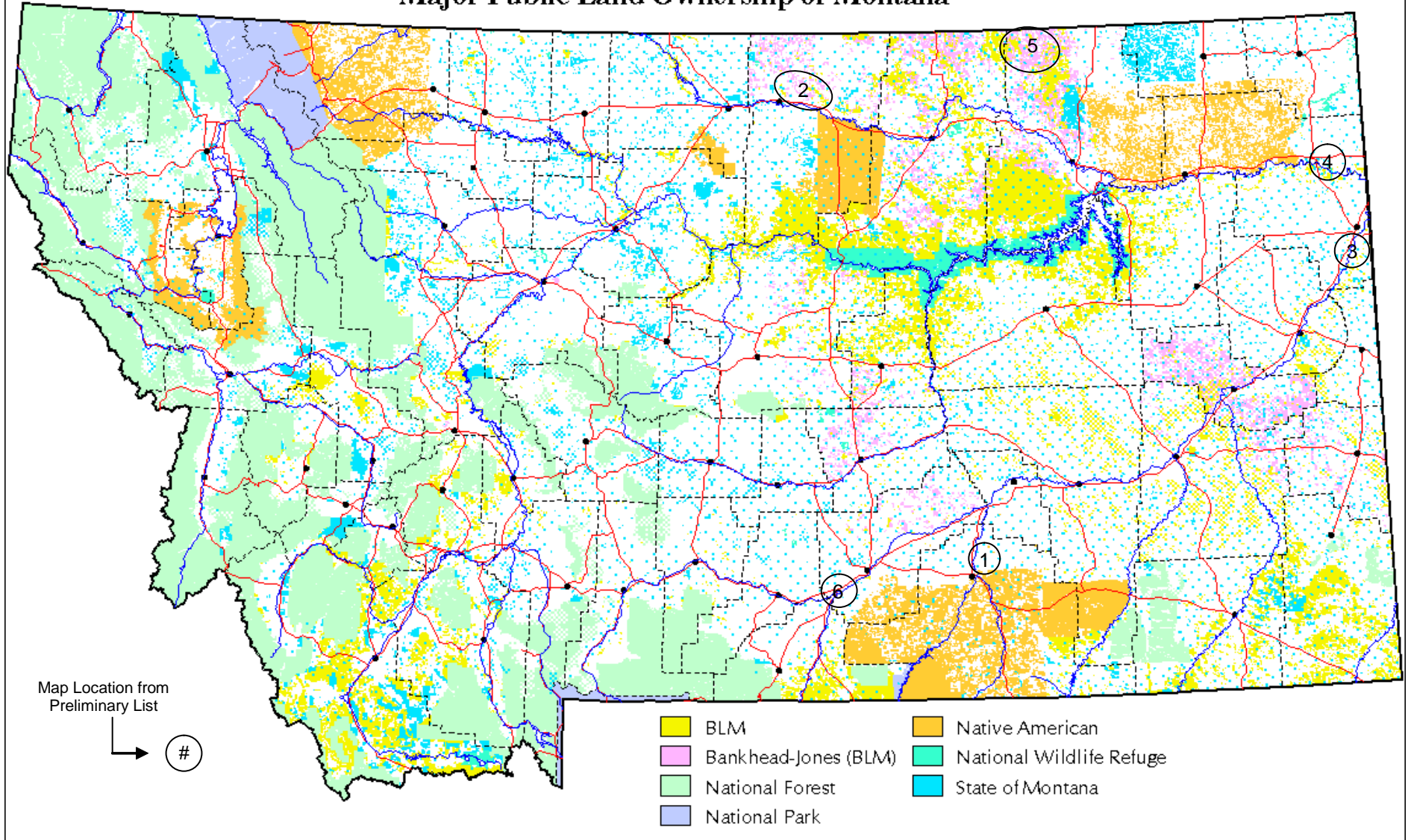
App #	Map Location	Twp	Rng	Sec	Description	Acres
Big Horn	1					
5016		1.N	33.E	36	All	640.00
5019		1.N	34.E	16	All	640.00
5017		1.N	35.E	16	All	640.00
5020		2.N	33.E	36	Lot 1, NE4NW4, S2NW4, NE4, S2, Bighorn Riverbed and related acreage	640.00
5018		2.N	34.E	16	All	640.00
5021		2.N	34.E	36	All	640.00
Blaine	2					
5002		33.N	22.E	36	All, below the base of the Eagle formation	640.00
5003		34.N	19.E	27	E2E2	160.00
Richland	3					
5022		21.N	59.E	7	Yellowstone Riverbed and related acreage	24.00
Roosevelt	4					
5001		27.N	57.E	5	N2, SE4	* 480.00
Valley	5					
5004		35.N	35.E	16	All	640.00
5005		35.N	35.E	36	All	640.00
5006		35.N	36.E	16	All	640.00
5007		35.N	36.E	36	All	640.00
5008		35.N	37.E	16	All	640.00
5009		35.N	37.E	36	All	640.00
5010		36.N	35.E	16	All	640.00
5011		36.N	35.E	36	All	640.00
5012		36.N	36.E	16	All	640.00
5013		36.N	36.E	36	All	640.00
5014		37.N	35.E	16	All	640.00
5015		37.N	35.E	36	All	640.00
Yellowstone	6					
5023		2.S	24.E	13	Yellowstone Riverbed and related acreage	65.00
5024		2.S	24.E	24	Yellowstone Riverbed and related acreage	45.00

* Part or all of tract is not state-owned surface

Total Tracts 24

Total Acres 12,934.00

Major Public Land Ownership of Montana



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Areas where tracts are proposed for lease are noted with a large number corresponding to the map location number on the preliminary lease sale list. Please visit our website for detailed maps and additional lease sale information. (<http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/trust/mmb/og>)